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Teacher charged with sex assault

CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Woman comes forward about alleged incidents from 10 years ago

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

A Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) teacher has been formally charged after an alleged sexual relationship with a student 10 years ago.

Staff Sgt. Dominic Mayhew, of the Calgary Police Service (CPS) child abuse unit, said Edwin Cay Arias, 45, is charged with sexual assault and sexual contact with a youth by a person in a position of trust or authority.

Mayhew said the investigation began in January after a woman — who is now in her 20s — came forward to police to inform them she'd been in a relationship with a teacher while she'd attended Bishop McNally High School between 2007 and 2009.

Officials from the Calgary Catholic School District said Calgary police informed them of the investigation in January of this year, but because of the historical nature of the allegations, police told the school board that students were not currently under any threat.

The teacher remained at the school until May 31, when the investigation was made public and the school told the teacher not to return to class.

The school board is suspending Arias with pay until the case has made its way through the court system.

"For students, staff, district, we're saddened, shocked and disappointed," said Tania Van Brunt, communications director at Calgary Catholic.

Arias has worked at Bishop McNally since 2005, and has been an employee of the district for 14 years.

Van Brunt stressed all teachers go through a criminal background check and attend a mandatory seminar about authority and appropriate boundaries annually.

The woman was 16 at the time and Mayhew said the alleged encounters with Arias happened at multiple Calgary residences and at the school.

Although the age of consent was 14 in 2007, charges were laid because Arias was in a position of authority when the alleged offences occurred.

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Bike advocates urge investment in registry

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Bike advocates are calling on the Calgary Police Service to reconsider supporting an online bike registration service after a company's model, which has had success in British Columbia, caught citizen attention.

On Tuesday night, users in Calgary flocked to a webpage on the Project 529 website with Calgary Police Logos, eager to sign up and register their bike's serial numbers just in case of the worst scenario: a stolen bike.

"Right now it takes a lot of manpower hours for them to go through every single lost or stolen report," said Bike Calgary vice-president Darren Mazzei. "We're very supportive of CPS having this tool because it's going to help our members."

The page gave users a step-by-step guide to reporting a stolen bike, which started on a website, or app, called Garage 529 where an alert would be sent out to the Calgary community using the service notifying a bike is missing; and then it instructs users to go to police.

But CPS said they haven't backed this project — which the company estimated would cost them less than $20,000 a year if they followed a similar model as Vancouver's force.

In Calgary, CPS said this page was appearing accidentally; it was a mock-up the company had drafted for the force last year when they were considering theft prevention tactics.

A spokesperson told Metro they've asked the company to take the page down.

Advocate welcomes plan for opioid crisis

DRUGS

Province announces formation of commission

Omar Mosleh
Metro | Edmonton

The province has created a new opioid emergency response commission to spearhead an "ambitious and aggressive" response to the overdose crisis, which killed 363 Albertans last year.

Associate Minister of Health Brandy Payne announced a new Opioid Emergency Response Regulation, under the Public Health Act, that will bolster Alberta's ability to expand harm-reduction initiatives.

She also announced a new 14-member commission to make monthly recommendations.

Amy Graves founded the Get Prescription Drugs Off the Street Society after losing her younger brother, Josh, to a prescription opioid overdose. She believes establishing the commission is a good step, but she hopes to see real action.

"The people who sit on the commission, I'm very confident in their skills and knowledge … I'm just wondering how much leverage they have to actually make government act on what they recommend."

Amy Graves founded the Get Prescription Drugs Off the Street Society after losing her younger brother, Josh, to a prescription opioid overdose. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

While the province doesn't yet have details about what services will be developed, Payne said they plan to take their direction from the new commission, which includes doctors, law enforcement and Indigenous representatives, though the final decision will rest with the ministry.

"One piece would be around how we're expanding access to Suboxone and methadone treatment. So, for example, prescription coverage, expanding access to clinics … as well as operational funding for supervised consumption services," Payne said.

The commission will be co-chaired by Elaine Hyshka, an assistant professor at the University of Alberta's School of Public Health, and Dr. Karen Grimsrud, the chief medical officer of health for AHS.

"To tackle this epidemic, our response must be guided by evidence and include measures that have never been taken before in this province," Hyshka said.

The 2017 budget committed a total of $56 million to address the opioid crisis. Payne cited a new opioid-dependency program in Grande Prairie as an example of the services the government is aiming to expand.

"The commission will look at where those programs are needed most … ultimately, we hope to open more clinics in underserviced areas of the province," Payne said.

The province will look at opening more physical clinics as well as expanding Telehealth accessibility. They also want to make it easier for individuals to pay for prescriptions for drugs to stop using opioids.

"One of the things we've heard from people is that the cost of the prescription can be a barrier … one of the things the commission is evaluating is what are some of the best ways we can eliminate that barrier," Payne said.

The new regulation also gives the minister more authority to direct how health regulatory colleges set rules for physicians and clinics.

"It broadens our ability to work with the colleges and move forward with changes, for example, on prescribing rules," Payne said.

Graves is most encouraged by the province committing to work with regulatory colleges to potentially tighten prescribing rules.

"We need to save the lives of people who are using now, but we also need to prevent new people from being exposed unnecessarily to opioids."

Calgary DIGEST

U of Calgary receives $40M for entrepreneurial hub

A transformational gift has been given to the University of Calgary. The wealthy and philanthropic Hunter family is donating $40 million over 12 years to bring an entrepreneurial education project called the Hunter Hub for Entrepreneurial Thinking to the university. Cannon said the family's Hunter Centre has had a tremendous impact in the business school. HELEN PIKE/METRO

Zoo releases endangered owls into the wild

The Calgary Zoo released 15 burrowing owls into the wild after taking in the endangered species in 2016. The animals were brought to the zoo because it was thought they would die over the winter without support.

The one-year-old birds will be outfitted with satellite transmitters prior to being introduced to their new habitats, and before the final release. HELEN PIKE/METRO

Dumping fines low: Victim

COMMUNITY

Suspects face a maximum $250 fine for illegal activity

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Ramesh Prajuli was taking out the trash last weekend when he first saw the huge pile of vinyl siding sitting in his backyard.

The Calgary man lives in a new community in the northeast, but the siding was clearly from an older home, and hail-damaged.

He suspects it was dumped by a contractor who didn't want to make the trip to the landfill or pay tipping fees.

"You can see clearly — there are tire marks where they dropped the load," he said.

The mess was mainly on his property, but some of the waste spilled out into the back alley.

After talking to his neighbours — who had not seen anything — Prajuli contacted Calgary Police Service, but they weren't able to help.

Ramesh Prajuli had a pile of old siding dumped in his backyard, full of jagged edges and nails.
JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

"They said it's not a criminal activity because there isn't any vandalism to my property or loss of property," he said

A call to city bylaw officers didn't yield much more in the way of results. He was told he's responsible for waste on his own property.

"They asked me if I saw the plate, or the colour of the truck or the driver," said Prajuli. "Of course I didn't have any evidence. It's not my job to find out evidence."

He said the city has told him that a crew from the roads department may be able to help clean up the mess, but it isn't a guarantee at this point.

> **They said it's not a criminal activity because there isn't any vandalism to my property or loss of property.**
> Ramesh Prajuli

Sue Wall, inspector with Calgary community standards, said community standards officers do investigate complaints of illegal dumping, but if they can't find definitive proof, cleanup costs fall to the homeowner.

Wall said if individuals are caught dumping waste on public or private land, the fine ranges from $115 to $250.

Prajuli is calling on the city to increase the fine. He said it would seem some people are taking the chance with the knowledge they can afford the fine if they're ever caught.

RESEARCH

Acne drug used in treatment

When Jill was 27, she woke up with tingling and numbness in her left hand that eventually spread to half her body.

The Calgary woman went for tests and was told there was a possibility she would develop multiple sclerosis, a disease of the central nervous system.

Jill was enrolled two months later in a clinical trial led by University of Calgary researchers studying whether minocycline, a common acne drug, could be a more affordable treatment for those in the early stages of MS.

The results of the Phase 3 trial, published in the New England Journal of Medicine on Wednesday, showed that minocycline, an antibiotic, works just as well as the current available MS therapies. But instead of costing more than $20,000 a year in Canada, minocycline would have an annual price tag of just $600.

Making treatment more readily accessible would be a major benefit for those early on in the disease, said Wee Yong, one of the study's authors.

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CLIMATE CHANGE

U.S. may leave Paris pact

President Donald Trump is expected to withdraw the United States from the landmark Paris climate-change accord, a White House official said Wednesday, though Trump and aides were looking for "caveats in the language" related to the exit and had not made a final decision.

"I'm hearing from a lot of people both ways," Trump told reporters as he welcomed Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc to the White House

Later in the day Trump said he would make an announcement on Thursday.

Leaving the deal would fulfil a central campaign pledge but would anger international allies who spent years in difficult negotiations that produced an accord to reduce carbon emissions.

Trump faced considerable pressure to hold to the deal during visits with European leaders

Donald Trump tweeted Wednesday he'd announce his plan on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and Pope Francis on his recent trip abroad. The president and his aides were finalizing the details of a pullout, an official said, insisting on anonymity to discuss the decision before an official announcement.

While Trump currently favours an exit, he has been known to change his thinking on major decisions and tends to seek counsel from a range of inside and outside advisers, many with differing agendas, until the last minute.

A second White House official, who was not authorized to discuss private conversations and also insisted on anonymity, said Trump had not made a final decision on how to proceed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TWITTER

The stunning mystery of covfefe

It appeared at 12:06 a.m., without warning, like a shooting star through the dark night.

Covfefe. Noun. (Was it a noun? It seems like it was trying to be a noun.) A word used, Wednesday, by the president of the United States.

It has come to this. To the confusion, delight and genuine alarm of the night owls of the world's most powerful country, Donald Trump wrote the following six words to his 31 million Twitter followers early on Wednesday: "Despite the constant negative press covfefe"

That was it. Covfefe. There was no period. There was no rest of the sentence. Covfefe.

We know he meant "coverage." But he did not make a correction, at least not immediately. Unlike Trump's many other Twitter goofs, which he tends to amend within minutes, this one was left online for almost six hours, which was entertaining while also concerning.

Trump finally deleted the tweet six hours after it went up. At 6:09 a.m., he tweeted a rare bit of self-deprecation: "Who can figure out the true meaning of 'covfefe'??? Enjoy!"

Until then, people on the Internet did the deprecating for him, making tens of thousands of jokes. It was impossible, obviously, to compete with the original. "What makes me saddest," wrote late-night host Jimmy Kimmel, "is that I know I'll never write anything funnier than #covfefe."

Covfefe remained Twitter's top trending topic until it was deleted. The president's tweet had more than 100,000 retweets. For a few brief hours, Donald Trump brought the world together.

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BORDER CROSSER'S DEATH

Manitoba premier says feds must act on asylum

Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister says the federal government has failed to reduce the risk in illicit border crossings because it has not tried to persuade the U.S. president to soften his immigration and deportation policies.

A woman who authorities believe was originally from Ghana was found dead from apparent hypothermia near the U.S.-Manitoba border on Friday. Mavis Otuteye, 57, was found roughly one kilometre south of the border near Noyes in a remote part of northwestern Minnesota.

Pallister said the President Donald Trump's crackdown is driving people to sneak across the border and risk their lives.

"We need to address the root cause of this ... the desperation people clearly are feeling — combined with the hope they feel — as they pursue a better life and come from the United States to Canada and to Manitoba," Pallister said Wednesday.

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ONTARIO

Former nurse to plead guilty to eight murders

A former Ontario nurse who has been accused of killing eight seniors who were in her care is expected to plead guilty to first-degree murder charges in their deaths at a court appearance on Thursday.

Elizabeth Wettlaufer currently faces a total of 14 charges, including eight counts of first-degree murder, four counts of attempted murder and two counts of aggravated assault.

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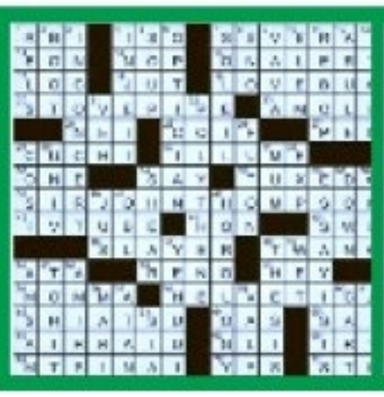

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4. THERE IS A LONGER LIST TO CHOOSE FROM
For certain types of housing, there may be more listings to look at. This greater choice may up your chances of finding a property that has all the features you want in a location that suits you.

5. YOU FEEL READY
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VICKY MOCHAMA ON RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

A more humane system treats prisoners with compassion; it grants them a humanity that their lives might not have allowed for.

In prisons, we are facing a mental health problem and a growing population of women and girls.

To combat this troubling trend, we need to shift our thinking across the entire criminal system.

The fastest growing population in prisons worldwide is of women and girls. Sadly, this is also true in Canada. Overwhelmingly, female prisoners are some of society's most vulnerable.

Per the Elizabeth Fry Society, "They are primarily poor or homeless, undereducated and have addictions or mental-health problems such as schizophrenia, depression and anxiety disorders."

Since 2001, there has been a 100 per cent rise in Indigenous women in prisons. And according to Correction Services Canada (CSC), the number of people entering prisons with a mental illness doubled between 1997 and 2010.

Increasingly, the justice system is criminalizing those that society has failed to protect. We are punishing individuals for our society's failures.

By making changes that are less punitive and more humane — for example, counselling and drug therapies rather than solitary confinement and prolonged sentences — the justice system can help prisoners escape the cycle of poverty and criminality.

Disrupting the prison pipeline is not solely a concern of the federal government. The federal prison agency houses 40 per cent of the 40,000 incarcerated people in this country. The rest are in provincial and territorial jails, including people awaiting trial or serving community sentences.

A more humane prison system treats prisoners with compassion; it grants them a humanity that their lives might not have allowed for.

This inability to deal with pressing issues on mental health and vulnerability is increasingly evident. In the last decade, the number of prisoners who self-harm has tripled, according to data from CSC reported in the Globe and Mail. Self-injury is a marker of mental distress.

More strikingly, deaths in prison tell of the failure to deal with problems that are becoming more urgent. For prisoners like Cleve Geddes, Moses Amik Beaver and Soleiman Faqiri, to name a few who died in custody, mental health was a factor.

That many decades of punitive prison conditions have not worked is becoming evident to the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights, too.

The committee is undertaking a national fact-finding mission to understand the experiences federal inmates.

Since February the committee has heard from 41 witnesses, including lawyers, advocates and individuals.

One senator, Senator Kim Pate, has been vocal in her criticism.

Speaking to the Montreal Gazette, she said, "We know that the people who end up in prison aren't from another planet, they're from our communities by and large. And unless they die in prison, they'll be coming back to our communities … If the goal is truly to rehabilitate these people, we're failing them."

Our criminal justice system must focus on providing justice, not on making more criminals.

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No 'us' and 'them' in the war on terror

Azeezah Kanji
Metro Views

The images of the aftermath of the Manchester attack are devastating: families stricken with grief, a country's sense of safety and security shattered.

We can mourn the lives lost in Manchester last week because our media shows us their faces and tells us their stories — an attention hardly ever accorded to those living under the daily barrage of the U.S.-led war on terror.

We see the girls killed at a concert, but not the wedding parties pulverized by missiles in Yemen. Our hearts break for the families bereaved in terror attacks in Western countries, but generally don't register the pain of Iraqi mothers whose babies have life-threatening birth defects caused by toxic American weaponry.

The same week as the atrocity in Manchester, airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition killed more than 100 civilians, including 42 children, in Syria, according to London-based human rights organization Reprieve. How many in Canada were even aware of these other atrocities, let alone familiar with the names and faces and stories of the victims?

We profile the casualties of Muslim terror in Europe and North America in heart-rending detail but don't bother to keep track of the number of civilians dead in the name of fighting terror. The best estimate, from Physicians for Social Responsibility, puts the death toll in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan at 1.3 to 2 million in the first 10 years of the assault. (This excludes Yemen, Somalia, Libya and Syria).

We are left always asking why "they" hate us — is it because of our freedom? Our pop music? — while being ignorant about the grievances produced by our governments.

Mainstream Canadian media coverage and commentaries artificially disconnect acts of non-state terrorism from this broader context of the brutalities of state counter-terrorism.

This sustains the myth that "their" violence is exceptionally aggressive, senseless, fanatic, and indiscriminate, while "ours" is all defensive, rational, liberatory, and precise.

But on both sides of the pretend line between "they" who are barbaric and "we" who are civilized, it is innocents who bear the heaviest burden.

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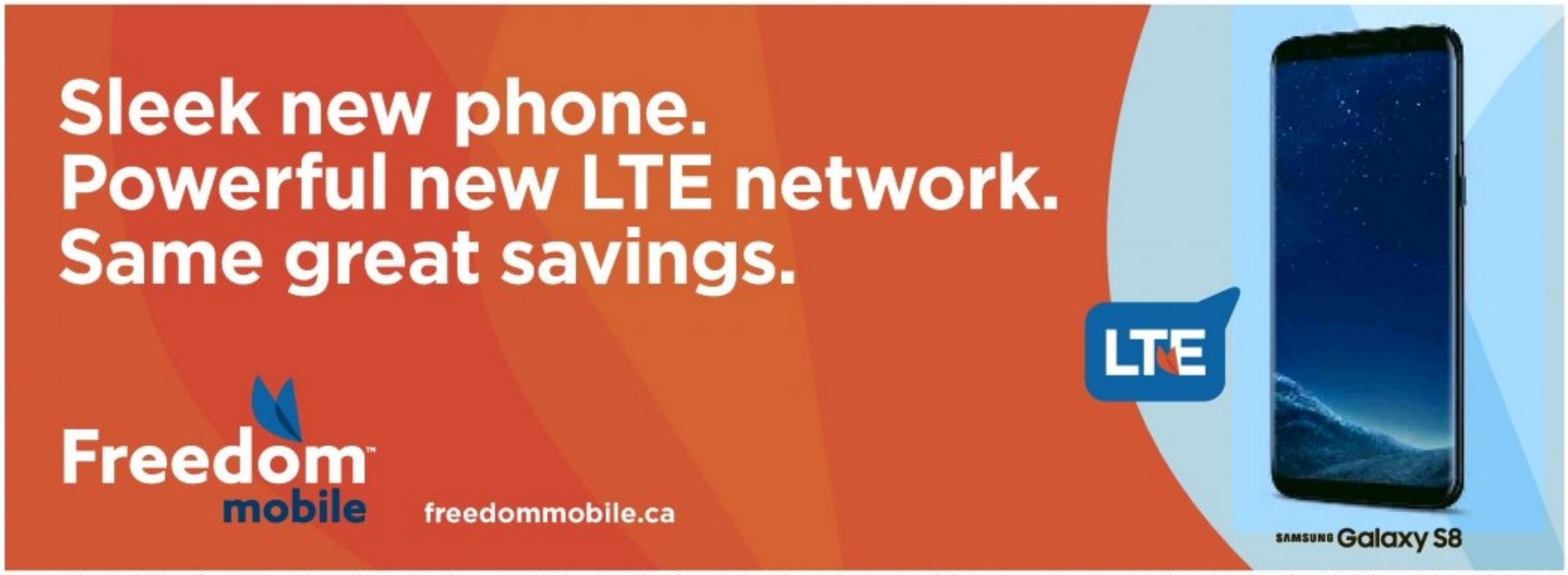
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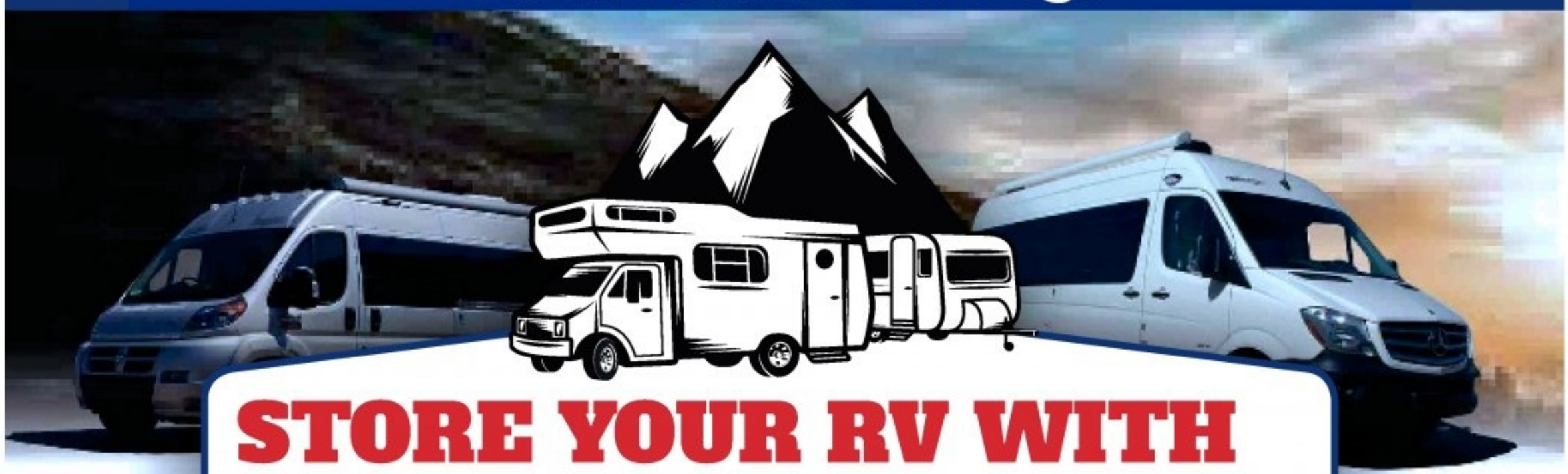

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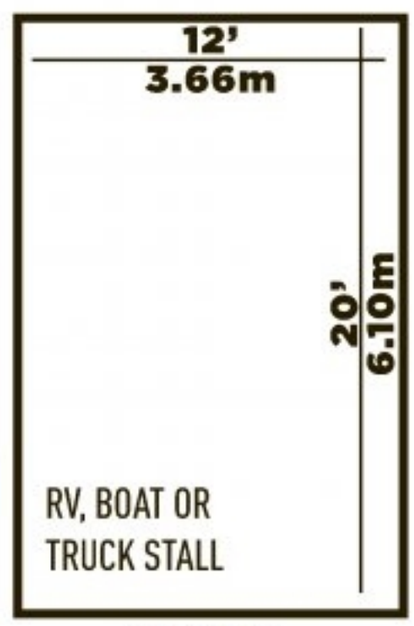

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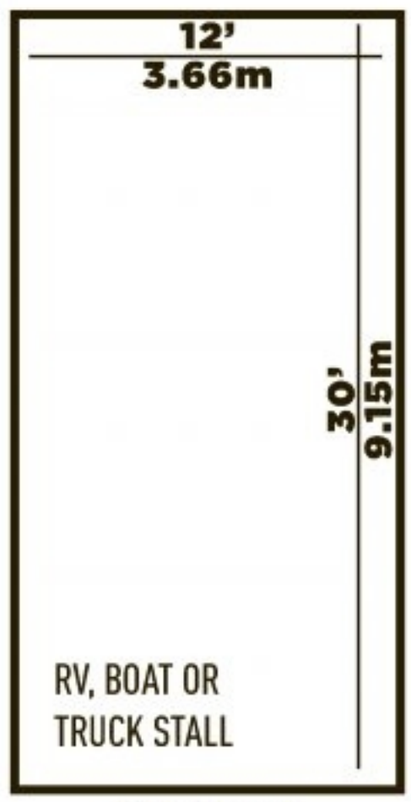

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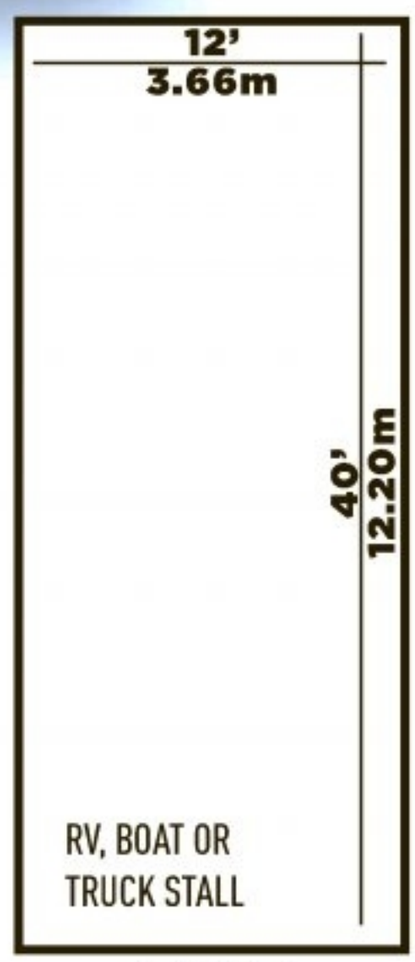

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Why his ex was off limits

David Sedaris cringed when he re-read his diary entries about his first breakup

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

When a young David Sedaris first began writing his diaries back in the late 1970s, he would head to the International House of Pancakes (IHOP) in his hometown of Raleigh, N.C.

It didn't matter that the coffee was disgusting, or gave off a burning odour that "you could smell from the parking lot," he says, or that even when you poured plenty of cream in, the liquid never changed colour, because the staff would let him sit and write and read for as long as he wanted. On some days it was just Sedaris, wearing a beret — "a beret!" he emphasizes — occupying a booth while documenting his life on the back of paper placemats.

Although Sedaris is now a cultishly beloved memoirist well known for his live performances and diary readings, this is the first time he is sharing his early IHOP journalling in print. Theft By Finding: Diaries 1977–2002 is the first of two volumes of selected entries from his 153 personal notebooks. Lightly edited for clarity, the writing showcases not only the emerging sly, self-effacing wit and observational skills now well known to fans of his books like Naked and Me Talk Pretty One Day, but it also documents the life of a struggling artist, and the harsh day-to-day realities of being depressed, hungry and broke.

After Sedaris left Raleigh in 1984 for the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, he immediately found another IHOP from which to hold court. Chicago was also where he discovered the first live audiences for his diaries.

Sedaris was asked to take part in a variety show with a strict seven-minute performance limit, and not having anything appropriate time-wise, decided to read funny passages from his personal notes.

"That changed the writing in my diary because when something happened, or I would see something that was funny, I would take extra care with it because I'd think this might work on stage," he says.

Sedaris has never kept diaries to chronicle his own emotions, and he rarely delves into his feelings, except for a short period of time in his early 30s following a breakup. He decided not to include those entries in Theft By Finding — his ex didn't want to be written about, and Sedaris also cringed re-reading his own words.

"Oh my god, the whining, and the talking about my feelings," he says. "I didn't have my first relationship until I was 27, and most people have their first relationship when they're 14, and they break up and act like they're 14. I was 30, 32 when I broke up with this person, and I acted like a 14-year-old."

It's been about 25 years since Sedaris has written anything at an IHOP, though he's still a diligent diarist. He has no interest in Starbucks laptop culture, and only seeks out a local coffee shop while on tour if his hotel room is too depressing to work in. His spiral notebook of choice is the Japanese-made, German-named Rollbahn, a "traumatizing" switch — Sedaris hates any change — made a year ago. When his laptop was stolen in 2011, the biggest panic was over the loss of his tour diaries. Sedaris's boyfriend Hugh tried to reassure him that he still lived all those months, regardless of whether they were written down, but six years later Sedaris still sounds worried.

"But how do I know? I don't have any record of it. How can I be sure I lived if all the details aren't documented?"

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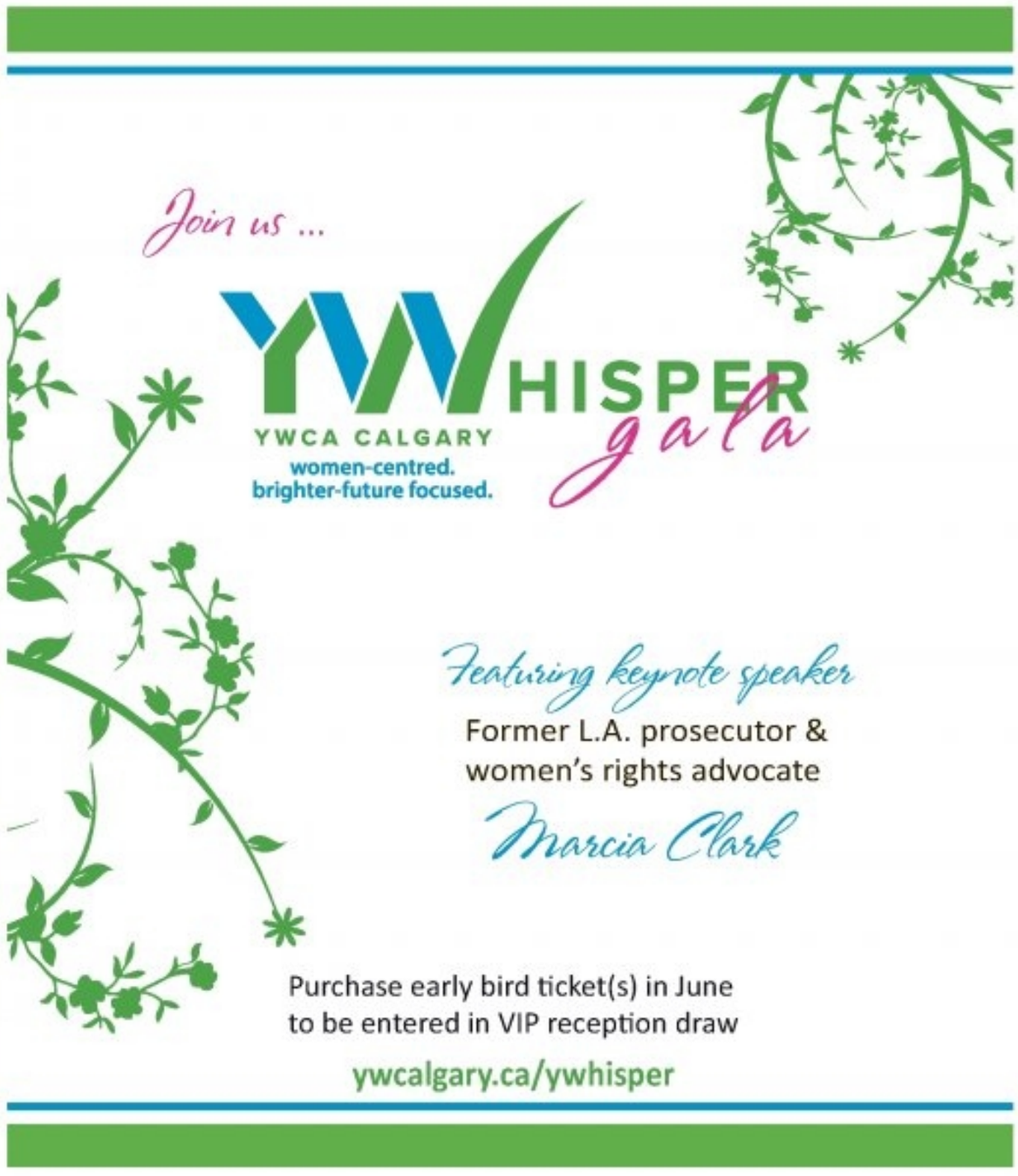

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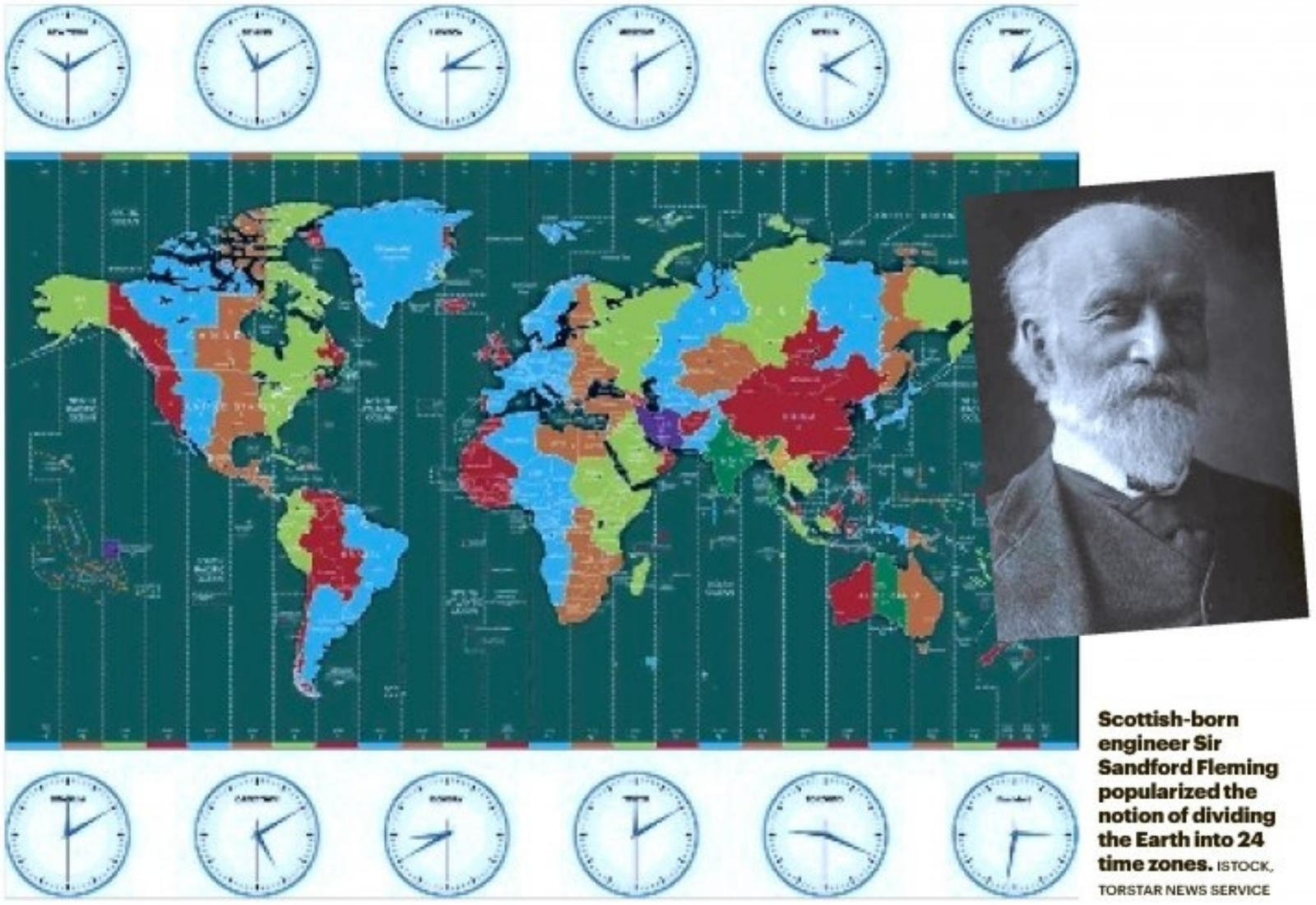
Before then, local efforts had been made to create standard times, especially in America and England, but it was Fleming, a railway surveyor and construction engineer, who popularized it. Fleming proposed dividing up the Earth into 24 time zones, with a 15-degree separation between them.

Each time zone would represent an hour's difference. He helped convene the International Prime Meridian Conference in Washington in 1884.

Fleming's motion was formally adopted and provides the basis for the time zones we still use today.

As if that weren't enough, Fleming also designed Canada's first postage stamp.



Scottish-born engineer Sir Sandford Fleming popularized the notion of dividing the Earth into 24 time zones. ISTOCK, TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Trick or treat, eh?

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If you love Halloween, you have a Canadian to thank. At least for the phrase "trick or treat."

The code words for free candy were first used in 1927 by an Alberta journalist in the Canada Herald newspaper.

Kids everywhere (and some parents, too) are eternally grateful. **SEAN PLUMMER**

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We have the strongest currents

How fast are British Columbia's Nakwakto Rapids? At 18.4 miles per hour, they're the world's fastest, according to Guinness.

But divers still brave the churning waters, which get their speed from seawater squeezing through the narrow inlet during tidal exchanges.

The currents are so strong that some people tie ropes around Turret Rock in the middle of the channel and water ski. Not that you should. **SEAN PLUMMER**

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Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has signed a new two-year deal that will extend his stay at the north London club to nearly 23 years

IN BRIEF

Stamps sign Klassen
The Calgary Stampeders have signed Canadian defensive lineman Michael Klassen.

The the six-foot-five, 275-pound Calgary native has played 54 career regular-season games over four seasons with the Montreal Alouettes since being selected in the fourth round (32nd overall) of the 2013 draft. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No serious knee damage for Darian Durant
Alouettes quarterback Darian Durant had an MRI on Wednesday that revealed no serious damage to his left knee. Durant was hurt at a Montreal practice on Tuesday when a player rolled into the veteran quarterback's leg after he had planted his foot to complete a pass.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jays sweep Reds
Devon Travis and Luke Maile hit two-run homers as the Toronto Blue Jays completed a three-game sweep with a 5-4 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday afternoon. Travis's fifth homer of the year was a tiebreaking rainbow shot in the seventh inning off Wandy Peralta (2-1). THE CANADIAN PRESS

Penguins rally to take 2-0 series lead

2017 NHL PLAYOFFS
PENGUINS LEAD SERIES 2-0

Guentzel's two tallies lead to third-period takeover

A third-period eruption knocked Pekka Rinne from the net and gave the Pittsburgh Penguins a 2-0 series advantage in the Stanley Cup final.

The Penguins beat Rinne three times in the first 3:28 of the third, scoring a 4-1 Game 2 win over the Nashville Predators on Wednesday night.

Jake Guentzel led the rally with the second of his two goals, Evgeni Malkin and Scott Wilson also finding the back of the net.

Guentzel set a new rookie record with his fifth-game-winning goal of the playoffs and Chris Kunitz added two assists.

Rinne gave up four goals on 25 shots and was outclassed again by Matt Murray, who stopped 37-of-38 shots.

Pontus Aberg scored the lone goal for the Preds, who host their first ever Stanley Cup final game under dire circumstances on Saturday night.

The defending champs just got away with a win in Game 1 despite going 37 minutes without a shot. They came out quickly out in Game 2, firing five shots in the first six minutes with quality offensive zone pressure.

There to thwart their early opportunities was Rinne.

The 34-year-old was huge in helping the Preds advance to their first Stanley Cup final, but struggled to the tune of four goals on only 11 shots in the series-opening loss. He snared a deflected Phil Kessel shot on an early Penguins power play though and then came up with back-to-back stops on Olli Maatta and Patric Hornqvist, the latter on a wraparound.

Nashville had a nervous moment at the midway point of the first when P.K. Subban took a cross-check to the neck from Kunitz. Down on the ice in obvious discomfort, Subban grabbed his neck and required attention from the team trainer when he finally returned to the bench.

A Subban blast with the ensuing power play would briefly hobble Penguins centre Nick Bonino, who tried crawling to the bench before later returning for the second period.

The Preds didn't score with their partial five-on-three advantage — Malkin also drew a questionable penalty for hooking — but they broke through with their first lead of the series on a goal from Aberg. The former second round pick undressed Maatta on a drive to the net and then out-waited Murray for the 1-0 lead.
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The Penguins celebrate Evegeni Malkin's third-period goal on Wednesday night in Pittsburg. GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY IMAGES

GAME 2 In Pittsburgh

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NBA FINALS

LeBron's home hit with slur

Police are investigating after someone spray-painted a racial slur on the front gate of LeBron James' home in Los Angeles on the eve of the NBA Finals.

An unidentified person spray-painted the N-word on the front gate of James' home in Brentwood Wednesday morning, said a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles Police Department. Police are investigating it as an act of vandalism and possible hate crime.

Speaking in Oakland, where his Cleveland Cavaliers face the Golden State Warriors in the NBA Finals beginning Thursday night, James said: "My family is safe, they're safe and that's most important," James said.

"But it just goes to show that racism will always be a part of the world."
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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Who said salad had to be greens only? Why not serve a bowl of this luscious, summery goodness beside your next grilled dinner?

Ready in 20 minutes
Prep time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 gala apple, sliced into cubes
- 2 cups sliced strawberries
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup diced pineapple
- 1 cup raspberries

Dressing
- 1 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup apple cider
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 tsp lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp ground cardamom

Directions

1. Toss all your fruits in a large bowl.

2. Meanwhile, whisk the cider vinegar, cider, oil, honey and lemon juice. Add the vanilla and cardamom. Dress the salad with desired amount of dressing.

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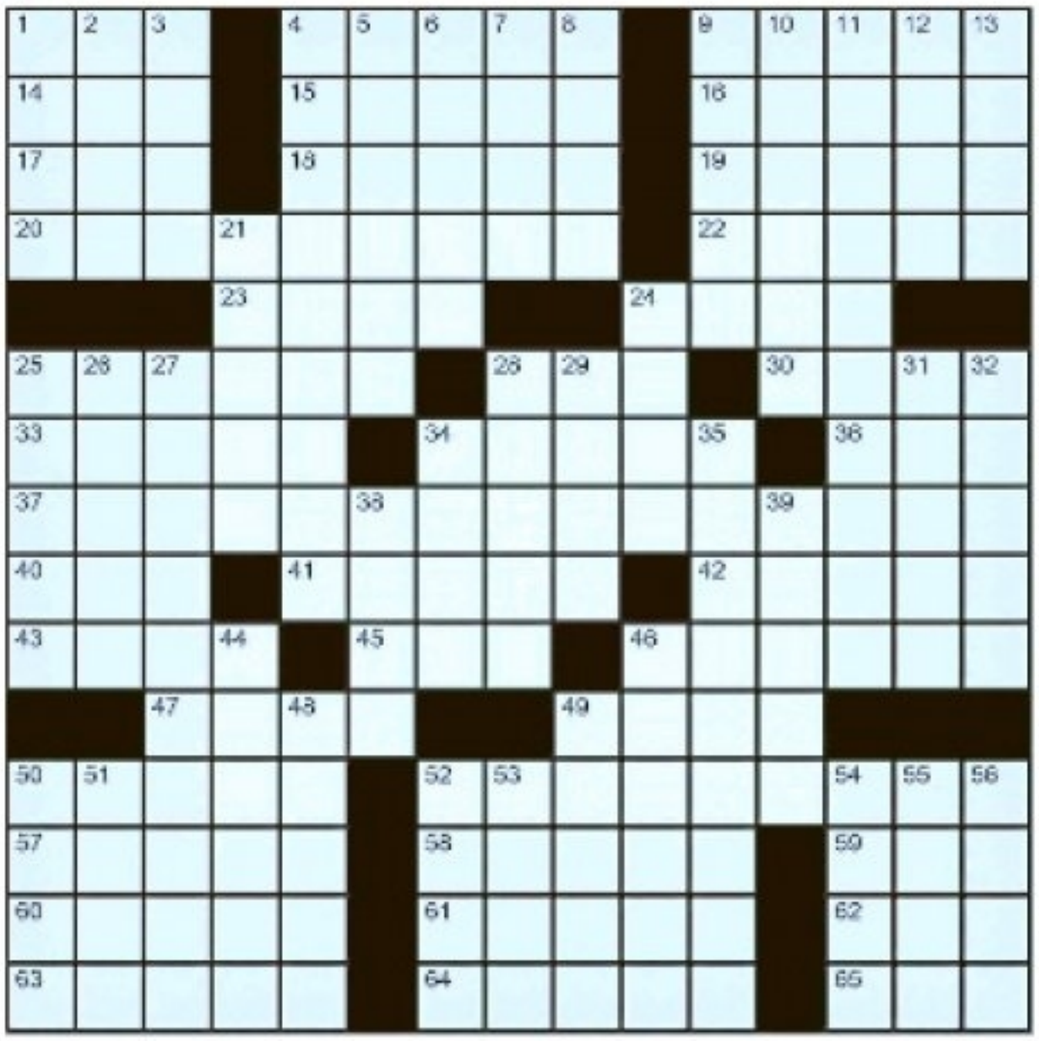

ACROSS
1. "The Ring __" (2005)
4. Apples sorts
9. Farm milk dispenser
14. Electrical resistance unit
15. Sheep-like
16. "You rang?" character on "The Addams Family"
17. You, to Yves
18. Japanese poem of five lines/thirty-one syllables
19. Victoria Park is located in the 'hub' of what Nova Scotia town?
20. Maintains a balanced diet: 2 wds.
22. Romulus' twin brother in Roman myth
23. Toroidal topper
24. Clean
25. Amounts in egg cartons
28. Camel hair cloth
30. Mail
33. Prescription warning, '__ Directed'
34. __ Bay, British Columbia
36. Mr. Ferrigno
37. Lacey Burrows' portrayer on "Corner Gas": 2 wds.
40. Kiev's li'l land
41. De-wilds
42. Highlanders
43. Johnny Carson's predecessor Jack
45. Jamie Foxx title role
46. "I need water!" reason
47. Hock
49. Golf tap
50. Caterpillar, for example
52. Moving along quickly
57. Homer's epic masterpiece
58. Supercharger
59. At present
60. Canadian Rockies, for example
61. Low ship deck
62. "__ Freedom" (1987)
63. Staked, in poker
64. Plague, in Paris
65. Harrison Ford role, with Solo

DOWN
1. Bag style
2. '__, Nelly!': Ms. Furtado's debut album
3. Bypass
4. Ontario: 2017 marks this Greater Golden Horseshoe commuter service's 50th anniversary: 2 wds.
5. Helps
6. Jargon
7. Sacred looped cross
8. Show to one's table
9. Ne plus __ (Perfection)
10. Coerced confession cause
11. Midland Provincial Park's location in the badlands of Alberta
12. Hosiery hue
13. 17th Greek letters
21. Shave the sheep
24. Hot
25. Excavated: 2 wds.
26. Port city of Japan
27. Sort of wildlife pattern: 2 wds.
28. Rat's urban passageway
29. Striped insects
31. Rocker Mr. Gallagher's
32. Fred of Limp Bizkit
34. __ mater
35. Nik Wallenda walks this line
38. Pull in $$$
39. Church members
44. Lay waste
46. Variety of flatfish
48. Moved around the shallow water
49. Knitting stitches
50. Italy's former currency
51. Glass Tiger singer Mr. Frew
52. Cease
53. Remedy
54. Length unit
55. Filmmaker Ms. Ephron
56. Nell __ (17th-century English actress who was King Charles II's mistress)

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
During all your conversations with others today, you will be calm and realistic. You see the limitations that others have, and you're willing to accept them with grace.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Solitude in beautiful surroundings will please you today, because you want to become more disciplined in an inner way.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Someone older or more experienced might have advice for you today, or they might assist you in some way. It's possible that you will strike up a new friendship, even a romance, with someone of an age difference.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Relationships with bosses and authority figures are excellent today. If others ask for your advice about how to make something look better, you can help them.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a good day to make serious plans about future travel. Likewise, you can make future plans about further education, publishing, the media, medicine and the law.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Some kind of legal ruling might profit you today, because you will benefit from the wealth and resources of others. If something comes your way, just say, "Thank you!"

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A discussion with a partner or close friend will be productive and realisti today. This is because you do not have pie-in-the-sky expectations.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will accomplish a lot at work today because others will help and support you. You find it easy to be polite and reasonable, which is why your relationships will be so positive.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Romance with someone older might take place today. This is a good day to make plans for a vacation, because you won't overlook details.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A discussion with an older family member could be significant today. You also will enjoy budgeting for home redecorating projects.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are calm and realistic today, which is why you get along with others so well. You can even act as a mediator if others disagree.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your approach to anything financial will be conservative, solid and realistic today. This is a good day to think about a budget. It's also a good day to buy something useful and long-lasting.

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